GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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LOCAL PURCHASE OF UNANI AND AYURVEDIC MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any provision for local purchase (Indent System) of Unani and Ayurvedic medicines in Unani and Ayurvedic Dispensaries under CGHS;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) by when the local purchase of medicines is likely to be started; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(d): Yes, Sir. There is a provision for local purchase (indent system) of medicines in CGHS dispensaries/units of Unani/Ayurvedic system functioning under CGHS Delhi, CGHS Lucknow and CGHS Hyderabad.

However, in the remaining CGHS units outside Delhi, the authorised local chemists under CGHS could not be appointed as no chemist came forward in response to the advertisement issued by the CGHS calling for tenders.In such CGHS cities, the beneficiaries are allowed to purchase from the open market the Ayurvedic and Unani medicines prescribed by the Govt. specialists and not available in the dispensaries and the Govt. reimburses this amount.

In the case of CGHS, Delhi, the contract of the earlier chemist was terminated due to irregularities and therefore, steps have been initiated for appointment of a fresh batch of authorised local chemists for day to day supply of Ayurvedic/Unani medicines to the CGHS dispensaries/units.